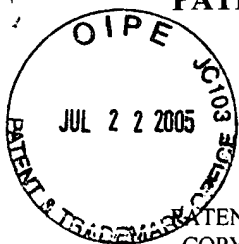


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Dear Sir:

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office issued a Notice of Publication of Application dated January 6, 2005, in the above-captioned application. The Notice of Publication stated that this application was published on January 6, 2005.

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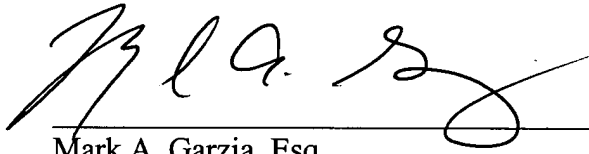
filing of this application (over two years), Applicant respectfully requests to be informed of the status of Application No. 10/607,636.

Enclosed is a self-addressed, postage prepaid postcard so that the PTO can acknowledge receipt of this Status Inquiry.

Respectfully submitted,

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